

Fair Tonight and Thursday.

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## SHERMAN'S DEFEAT CAUSES JUBILATION IN ROOSEVELT CAMP

Rebuff to Vice President Expected to Win Doubtful Ones.

## GRISCOM IS RELYING ON MORAL EFFECT

Primary Results In Utica Convince Progressives They Will Rule Convention.

## Summary of Day's Events in Politics

New York—With partial defeat of Vice President Sherman in primaries, Roosevelt forces claim control of State convention. Representative Parsons is renominated. Representative Olcott is defeated by W. M. Bennett. Representative W. S. Bennett is renominated in New York city primaries.

Ohio—Taft's influence in home State factor on which election is expected to turn.

Minnesota—Representative Tawney defeated by Sidney Anderson, insurgent.

Nebraska—Bryan repudiates Mayor Dahlmann, of Omaha, Democratic candidate for governor, because of liquor question.

New Jersey—Vivian M. Lewis heads State ticket on platform endorsing Taft.

Colorado—Republican convention attempts to reach decision on State issues, after adjournment. Taft indorsement probable.

Idaho—Taft indorsed by Republican convention.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—The Roosevelt leaders here are in a jubilant frame of mind today over the drubbing given Vice President Sherman in his own county, Oneida, at the primaries held there.

He was overwhelmingly beaten in his own assembly district and lost out in his own ward, the seventh ward of Utica.

Vice President Sherman, whom the "old guard" is supporting for temporary chairman of the Saratoga convention, will go to the convention as a delegate from the first assembly district, instead of his own district, which he has lost.

In the opinion of Chairman Griscom of the New York county committee and other Roosevelt leaders here, the moral effect of Sherman's defeat at home will be tremendous. They are convinced it will go far to swing the State convention to Roosevelt.

As a matter of fact, ever since the Taft letter of about a month ago repudiating the tactics by which Sherman was indorsed by the State committee for temporary chairman against Roosevelt, there has been growing feeling against the Vice President in his own home.

The important phase of the matter is that the fight against Sherman was led by State Senator Frederick M. Davenport, a Hurler man. Davenport is one of the men looked on with favor by Roosevelt for the governorship and the fact that he has led a successful fight against Sherman will tend to strengthen him if the progressives control the State convention.

At the Republican Congressional headquarters here today, there was respectful discussion of the outcome in Minnesota, where Representative Tawney seems to

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## WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.  
Fair and cooler tonight and Thursday; light to moderate northwesterly winds.

TEMPERATURES.  
8 a. m. 67  
9 a. m. 67  
10 a. m. 67  
11 a. m. 67  
12 noon 67  
1 p. m. 67  
2 p. m. 67

TIDE TABLE.  
Today—High tide, 9:32 a. m. and 9:50 p. m. Low tide, 2:37 a. m. and 2:59 p. m.  
Tomorrow—High tide, 10:18 a. m. and 10:37 p. m. Low tide, 4:38 a. m. and 4:55 p. m.

CONDITION OF WATER.  
HARPER'S FERRY, Va., Sept. 21.—Potomac clear and Shenandoah very cloudy this morning.

\$22.50 To Nashville, Tenn., and Return via Southern Railway, Sept. 21 to 27, valid for return Oct. 2, and can be extended to Oct. 31. Stop-overs permitted. Through sleeping cars without change.—Advt.

Boards, North Carolina, Narrow, \$2.00 per 100 ft.—Frank Libbey & Co., 6th & N. Y. Ave.—Advt.

## KILLED SELF IS VERDICT OF CORONER

Charles P. Browning Ended Life By Inhaling Gas, Says Official.

Charles Thomas Browning, who was reported to the Health Department to have died from "heart failure" and "pneumonia," committed suicide by inhaling gas in the Columbia apartments, Fourteenth and Girard streets northwest.

This formal statement was made today by Coroner Nevitt, who made a personal investigation after receiving a certificate of death from Dr. William H. Heron.

Mr. Browning, who was well known in business circles here, was in the grocery business. He was fifty-one years old. He died September 18.

Yesterday a certificate of his death was received by Coroner Nevitt. The certificate read that Mr. Browning had died from "heart failure" and "pneumonia." Coroner Nevitt investigated and on the back of the certificate of death made the following report:

"This case was reported to me on September 20 by Dr. William H. Heron. The result of my investigation is that the deceased died from inhalation of illuminating gas taken with suicidal intent."

## PLOT TO MURDER RULER OF JAPAN

Discovered In Time and Conspirators Are Under Arrest.

TOKYO, Sept. 21.—A plot has been discovered to assassinate Emperor Mutsuhito of Japan, and the plotters are already under arrest, according to a sensational publication in an afternoon newspaper here today.

The story appeared in the Hochi Shimbun, which stated that the men would be given secret trials.

The conspirators plotted to kill the Emperor while on a visit to the Japanese military college just outside the city, and the conspiracy was discovered just in time to save his life.

A number of arrests have been made, the prisoners being charged with conspiracy to murder the Emperor.

The arrest of the plotters in this instance is the first time in Japanese history that the life of a sovereign has been plotted against by his own subjects, and the fact made known.

## ELKINS ILL WEEKS OF MALARIA FEVER

Washington Friends Hear Nothing of Senator's Dangerous Condition.

In answer to a report which reached Washington today that Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia is dangerously ill at his home in Elkins, W. Va., his friends in Washington said this afternoon that the Senator has been suffering for several weeks with malarial fever.

They have not heard, however, that he is in a dangerous condition.

## MIND IS IMPAIRED IN AERO ACCIDENT

PARIS, Sept. 21.—The mind of Aviator De Baeder is believed today to be permanently impaired as a result of the injuries he sustained several weeks ago in the fall of his aeroplane at Cambrai.

De Baeder was removed from the hospital today by his mother.

He is unable to recognize his friends.

## ATTEMPT TO AVERT INDUSTRIAL STRIFE

EDINBURGH, Sept. 21.—A move to avert the great industrial war which will come to a crisis on October 1, when allied tradesmen throughout Great Britain will go upon a concerted strike, was made today when representatives of the boiler makers met their employers for a conference.

Although the session was evidently a stormy one, no announcement was made at its conclusion of a definite result.

It was said that a formal answer will be made in three days setting forth what action will be taken.

## HER HOUSE IS ROBBED WHILE SHE IS AWAY

Mrs. Sheehy, living at 1825 First street northwest, reports to the police that, within the last four months, her house has been broken into and a Waltham watch valued at \$50, taken therefrom.

## WASHINGTON WOMAN IS KILLED AS TRAIN CRASHES INTO AUTO

HURLED FIFTY FEET, MISS EDNA B. DOE MEETS QUICK DEATH

Her Three Companions Badly Injured; Two of Them May Die.

## PARTY RETURNING FROM THE CAPITAL

Victim for Years Soprano Soloist At St. Margaret's Episcopal Church.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 21.—Thrown fifty feet into the air when a fast passenger train crashed into an automobile in which she was riding and falling in a crushed heap at the side of the railroad track, Miss Edna B. Doe, of 1842 M street northwest, Washington, was instantly killed about 11 o'clock last night at Glen Field, a suburb of Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Wilson, whom Miss Doe was visiting at Glen Osborne, Pa., and with whom the Washington girl was returning to their home on a motor trip from the District of Columbia, were both seriously injured. It is said the former will not be able to survive a bad fracture at the base of his brain.

Max Feltwell, manager of the Sewickley Auto Company, who was driving, had three ribs broken and is thought to have been injured internally. He did not regain consciousness after being hurried from the completely shattered touring car until this morning.

When the engineer of train No. 953



MISS EDNA B. DOE.

stopped 200 yards beyond where the accident occurred, the crew rushed back to give aid. It was immediately seen that Miss Doe could not have lived an instant after the terrific crash.

The injured were rushed to Sewickley Hospital, where for a time the physicians despaired of saving the lives of either Wilson or Feltwell. Toward morning the former regained consciousness for a few moments, but later relapsed into a delirium and it is feared

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## FREEDOM OF FRANK IS SOUGHT BY BRIDE

Never Insane, But Mentally Depressed, Says Affidavit. Sensation Recalled.

Wealthy relatives and the young bride of Edwin Frank, the soldier whose sensational marriage and honeymoon several weeks ago terminated abruptly in his arrest at the American League baseball park on a charge of floating bogus checks, and his subsequent commitment to the Government Hospital for Insane today took steps to obtain his release from the asylum.

Asserting that Frank has never been insane, but was mentally depressed by his extreme grief over the death of both parents in New York last spring, and denying that the alleged bogus checks would not have been honored at the banks, Attorney Richard P. Evans filed in the Supreme Court of the District an application for a writ of habeas corpus. Chief Justice Claiborne made the rule returnable September 27, when Frank will be brought into court.

## Wife's Affidavit.

Attached to the petition is an affidavit of Mrs. Virginia S. Frank, the young Philadelphia girl whom Frank married at Rockville, and in whose company he was when he was arrested by police detectives. Mrs. Frank states that she knew Frank for two years before their marriage, and is "positive" that he was not insane when he was sent to the asylum.

Soon after her husband's arrest and his commitment to the Government Hospital for the Insane, Mrs. Frank reported to declared that she intended to begin action to have the marriage annulled, but her change of mind is indicated in her affidavit.

## Cause of Depression.

On this score, she says: "Affiant further says that the said Edwin Frank lost both of his parents within three weeks of each other, and was not permitted to attend their funeral, and being sick at the time, it caused him to become mentally depressed and nervously prostrated, but that he has fully recovered from that condition, and is now in good mental and physical health; and affiant desires his discharge from said hospital and restoration to his liberty, so that they may make their home together, and that she may look after his health, comfort, and happiness."

## Visiting Brother.

Mrs. Frank was Virginia Strouse, an eighteen-year-old Philadelphia girl, before her marriage to the soldier at Rockville, Md., on August 30. She was visiting at the home of her brother at 222 First street northeast when Frank called on her and persuaded her to go to Rockville and marry him. She is

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## FEW BAD EGGS ARE SOLD IN CAPITAL, SAY EXPERTS

Fining of Armour Agent Declared Isolated Case By Officials.

## HARD FIGHT BEGUN ON "MALT" LIQUORS

Agriculture Department Chemists Have Evidence Against Manufacturers.

The case of Charles W. Cornwell, manager of the Washington branch of Armour & Co., of Chicago, who was fined \$300 for selling preserved eggs that were decayed in the District, is an isolated instance, according to the Health Department officials.

It is not believed that there are any large number of these decayed eggs in the city.

This statement was made today at the Department of Agriculture following seizures of preserved eggs brought into the District, which proved to be in good condition.

We have no objection to preserved eggs," said Dr. H. W. Wiley, at the Department of Agriculture, "so long as the preservatives are harmless and they are used when they are in good condition."

Makers of several widely advertised brands of malt whiskies and some popular brands of cheese must stand investigations of their product following charges filed at the office of the United States District Attorney.

The Department of Agriculture "has made seizures of goods in this city and as a result of an examination experts will testify when the cases come up for a hearing that the whiskies are not entitled to the term 'malt' and

that the cheese contains an undue proportion of borax."

Stanton Peelle, the Assistant District Attorney in charge of the prosecution of these cases, said today he intended to make every effort to obtain a hearing on them this fall.

The pure food campaign, of which these cases are the outgrowth, is being conducted by Walter G. Campbell, chief inspector of the department. Seizures are being made daily of products, which are being put to the test at the department's laboratory.

It was intimated today that other preserved food products shipped to Washington from many parts of the country were being made daily of products, which are being put to the test at the department's laboratory.

## HARRIS WITNESS FOUND WILL DISPROVE POLICE

Shatters the Theory of Suicide, But Cannot Jeopardize His Personal Interests By Making Statement Public Unless Called Officially.

## CONFLICTING STATEMENTS BY DETECTIVES

Coroner Nevitt Having Announced Case As Closed the Camp of Woodmen Carry Their Demands for An Inquest Up to the District Commissioners.

## Conflicting Statements Contained in Report of Detectives

Coroner Says He Is Convinced  
Coroner Nevitt—The papers submitted to me in the Norval T. Harris case have been very carefully gone over. I am unable to appreciate whereby this case could be more thoroughly investigated.

## How Police Convinced Coroner

Page 3—"C. O. Rockwell states Harris showed him a revolver, and he knew he was in the habit of carrying same. He cannot identify same."

Page 18—"C. O. Rockwell states that he knew Harris carried a gun, but he never saw it."

Page 19—"Robert P. Bailey states that Robert Harris came to him this spring and said 'Norval was upon the hill at my sister's and spoke of being in trouble. Norval said he intended ending it all, but lost his nerve.'"

Page 11—"Mr. Harris states that a few weeks ago his sister told him of Norval's suicide threat."

Page 10—"Mrs. Colvin states that Harris' reported attempt at suicide was on Thursday, August 18."

Yet Bailey says he was told this spring by Robert Harris of this same happening of August 18.

Page 16—"The revolver in question has been positively identified by several persons."

Six persons are mentioned in the report as having seen the gun. Of these only two say it is the gun, three that they cannot say, and one man positively says it is not Norval Harris' gun.

## MILK PRICES STAND FOR WINTER MONTHS

Proposed Advance Abandoned and Meeting of Dealers Called Off.

"Most dealers in Washington will sell milk for 9 cents a quart this winter. The wholesale price they must pay will range, I believe, from 30 to 22 cents a gallon, and I don't think much milk will be bought above the last figure."

This was the prediction made this morning by W. A. Hartman, president of the Milk Dealers' Association.

The project to set a price for winter milk, it was learned today, has practically been abandoned, and each dealer will have to fight his own battle. The activity of the office of the District Attorney, it is believed, is responsible for an apparent decrease of interest in the scheme to sell milk for 10 cents a quart during the winter months.

## Meeting Called Off.

That the milkmen contemplated no present move toward arranging the milk prices was made apparent when it was announced today that the meeting of the executive committee, scheduled for some time between the session of the dealers last Friday and October 1, has been indefinitely postponed.

"No meeting of the committee will be called, so far as I can at present foresee," said A. S. Trundle, chairman of the executive board today, "until some legislation demands its attention. There is no need of a meeting."

President Hartman said that independent investigations had been made of conditions among farmers by several dealers, but that some of these had been undertaken under cognate of the association. Their findings, he said, indicated that the farmers might in most cases be justified in asking 22 cents a gallon for milk, but that the price of 24 cents set by their association was too great an advance.

## Denies Milk Is Impure.

The statement of a producer through the columns of a Washington paper that most of the milk sold in Washington was either impure or watered and sometimes both, was denied today in a statement given out by Mr. Trundle.

"Such a perversion of facts as was contained in this article," Mr. Trundle said, "is calculated to be wholly misleading, and the public should be set right about it. No dealer is going to accept milk that has been watered—and, according to the writer, the watering is done by the producers. It is an easy matter to tell if even a small quantity of water has been put in milk. The most common of these made with a steel instrument will show pretty conclusively."

The tremendous profits accruing to the dealers under present conditions are also misleading, Mr. Trundle said.

"There is a dealer who has an established business worth \$50,000, and who sells more than 2,000 gallons of milk a day, who is willing to hand over his business for a period of five years to any man who will guarantee him 2 cents on every gallon of milk sold. Most of us would jump at a similar offer."

These Prices Are For Small Lots.  
Frank Libbey & Co., 6th & N. Y. Ave.—Advt.

A discovery of such a startling nature that it promises to render worthless practically all of the evidence collected by Detective Sergeants Weedon and Burlingame in their investigation of the causes that led up to the death of Norval T. Harris, has been made by The Times.

With the reports of the two detective sergeants completed and submitted to Coroner J. Ramsay Nevitt, and with the Coroner accepting these reports as confirmation of his first decision, that Harris had committed suicide, The Times today has located an important witness, whose statements, corroborated by another witness, completely shatter the theory along which the police worked in their investigation of the death.

This witness makes the positive declaration that the body of Norval T. Harris was not lying dead on 1 street, southwest, at 11:30 o'clock on the night of August 27, the night on which Harris, according to the theory of the police, stretched himself on the ground and shot himself in the back of the head.

This witness makes the additional positive declaration that Norval T. Harris was not lying dead in 1 street one hour later, or at 12:30 o'clock, on the morning of August 28.

## Basis of Police Probe.

The police have based their entire investigation on the conclusion that Harris was shot at about 11:30 o'clock, and the major portion of their report is used to show that no one could have murdered him, as no one was seen running about the scene of death or running from the place at that hour.

And the strange, the remarkable, declaration must be made that the important information possessed by this witness has been known to the officers and detectives of the Metropolitan Police Department since the very beginning of the special investigation that was ordered by Mayor Spangenberg, Police Chief, after The Times had protested the snap judgment taken by the police and the Coroner in declaring that Harris—despite the many circumstances that permitted the suspicion of a possible murder—had committed suicide.

Coroner Nevitt yesterday emphatically refused to consider a formal demand made by an authorized representative of the brother and sister of Norval T. Harris for an inquest that might possibly remove the stigma of suicide from the name of the dead boy, whose body, with a pistol wound in the head, was found lying in 1 street, between Eighth and Ninth streets southwest, on the morning of August 28.

Woodmen Are Determined.  
On September 10, the special committee appointed by the Washington Camp of the Woodmen of America, sent to the Coroner a formal request that an inquest be held.

The Woodmen, it must be said, stand liable to pay a \$1,000 insurance benefit to the sister of Harris should the certificate of suicide be set aside, but in spite of this the Washington Camp, not satisfied that Harris put an end to his life, is determined to have the mystery solved.

Up to yesterday the Woodmen had received no answer from the Coroner. The action of that official in returning the report of Detectives Weedon and Burlingame to the head of the Police Department with the announcement that he had closed the case and would not change his decision, has aroused the Woodmen and they have turned to the District Commissioners for recognition.

Commissioner Rudolph gave to The Times late yesterday afternoon a copy

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Boards, Dressed, Very Common, \$1.25 per 100 ft.—Frank Libbey & Co., 6th & N. Y. Ave.—Advt.

Boards, Dressed, Wide, \$2.50 per 100 ft.—Frank Libbey & Co., 6th & N. Y. Ave.—Advt.